



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held November 3, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich:

“On January 27, 2004, based on a report from the Director of Children and Family Services and the Chief Probation Officer, the Board of Supervisors supported the creation of an Education Coordinating Council (ECC) to improve the educational outcomes for foster and probation youth. Since that time, the Chief Administrative Office has identified sources of County funding to provide initial support to the ECC. County departments, with the input and assistance of the Children’s Planning Council and affected stakeholders, also have initiated preliminary steps necessary to develop and support the ECC.

“In July 2004, the Children’s Planning Council Foundation engaged the services of a consultant to assist with the creation and development of the ECC. The consultant conducted a series of interviews and meetings with representatives of stakeholder groups to gather information and feedback about what the key activities of the ECC should be to raise the educational achievement of foster and probation youth, how the ECC should be structured and how it should accomplish its work.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the creation of the Education Coordinating Council (ECC) to improve the educational outcomes for foster and probation youth and took the following related actions:

1. Requested the consultant for the Education Coordinating Council (ECC) to invite the following entities and groups to join the initial membership of the ECC:
 - Los Angeles, Lancaster, Pasadena, Pomona, Compton and Long Beach Unified School Districts;
 - Los Angeles County Office of Education;
 - Department of Children and Family Services;
 - Probation Department;
 - Juvenile Court;

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- Children's Planning Council;
- Commission for Children and Families;
- Los Angeles City Commission on Children, Youth and their Families;
- Children's Law Center;
- Public Defender;
- First 5 LA Commission;
- Non-public schools;
- Former Foster Youth; and
- Relative Caregivers and Foster Parents; and

2. Requested the Education Coordinating Council to:

- a. Hold an organizational meeting no later than November 2004 to discuss preliminary issues such as mission, operational structure, work activities and funding;
- b. Convene the first official ECC meeting in January 2005;
- c. Develop, during the first year, a blueprint for improving educational outcomes for foster and probation youth, evaluate its initial structure to determine whether it is adequate or requires modification and determine future funding needs and sources; and
- d. Report back to the Board in December 2005.

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Chief Probation Officer
Director of Children and Family Services
Public Defender
Superintendent of Schools
Chair, Commission for Children and Families
Consultant, Education Coordinating Council
Executive Director, Children's Planning Council
Executive Director, First 5 LA
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